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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Darren James Zellak

CONNECTOR COUPLING/DECOUPLING TOOL

Serial No. 10/673,116

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] Before the Examiner  
] Paul T. Chin  
] Art Unit 3652  
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Hon Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Responsive to the Advisory Office action mailed 10/12/2006, applicant requests reconsideration of the rejections made.

**Rule 131 Declaration**

The examiner has pointed out that the Rule 131 Affidavit previously submitted has not been received or considered. Another copy of this Rule 131 Affidavit is submitted herewith. Applicant submitted the Rule 131 Declaration in April 2006, and referred to it in previous responses, and in the action mailed 10/12/2006, the examiner first pointed out that this declaration was not of record. Applicant thanks the examiner for bringing this fact to applicant's attention.